

³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:



**'A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
"Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.
⁵ Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become
straight, the rough ways smooth.'**

⁶ And all people will see God's salvation.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Sunday 12th December 2021

11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Jim Neill)

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Billy, Libby, Jean, Julie, Derek & Jean and Jean's sister Maureen

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St Aidan's Parish Church
Enabling people to find a Living Faith in a Loving
God by Serving 'Christ in the Community'
Sunday 5th December 2021 2nd Sunday in Advent



**Today's worship is a
'Celebration of The Holy Communion'
as per The Book of Common Prayer
(page 201)**

Our services are also available live on Facebook.

WELCOME & THE GREETING

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. *(cf Isaiah 40.3-5)*

Alleluia.

**Lighting of the 2nd candle
on our Advent Wreath**



Last week we lit the first candle on our Advent Wreath, the **Candle of Hope**, or the Prophecy Candle

In ancient times, God gave His people Israel hope by speaking to them through the prophets. He revealed what was to come and told them of the great blessings they would receive when Jesus, their Messiah, would come and dwell among them.

Today we light the **Candle of Peace**.

That first Christmas, when God sent his Son, he sent the one who is called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and **Prince of Peace**.

Even the angels cried out, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth **peace** to those on whom his favour rests.”

And in his ministry Jesus promised, “**Peace** I leave with you; my **peace** I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

But today as we light this Candle of Peace, along with the Candle of Hope, we are reminded of the complexity of what it has meant to feel peace during the past two years; years full of uncertainty, anxiety, and fear, and yet the peace candle invites us today into a safe and secure space where we can just be. Let us seek that peace now in prayer.

Father we acknowledge the times this year when peace has felt too far away. We acknowledge the times when our peace has felt insecure. And we acknowledge our shared desire for your safe presence of peace as we continue in our Advent journey.

(All)

Holy God, we thank you for the gift of peace that is found in Christ Jesus. Help us today to embrace that peace and go forward as people filled and sustained with a new and fresh sense of your presence so that we can be instruments of your peace to those around us.

**We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Our Hymns today are 136 'On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry'
134 'Make way, make way, for Christ the King'
608 'Be still and know that I am God'
405 'By Christ redeemed, by Christ restored'

Scripture Sentence

“Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

Collects of the day

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:

Give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Lent Collect

1st Reading Philippians 1:3-11

³I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

(Stand for the reading of the Gospel)

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to Luke chapter 3 beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar – when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene – ²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.